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Office Action Summary

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Period for Response

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE IS SET TO EXPIRE ONE MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
 - ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1.7.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Other _____

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The claims in the application are claims 1--25.

"Use" claims are not proper in this country.

The claims need be expressed as a method of treating, in order to permit assignment of the application to a particular Examiner.

The claims violate 35 U.S.C. 101 and 35 U.S.C. 112, since they are drafted in terms of use. See *Clinical Products vs. Brenner*, 255 F. Supp. 151; 149 USPQ 475 (D.C. District Columbia 1966).

Having selective IKCa modulatory activity is not one use per PCT Rule 13.2 and 37 CFR 1.475.

The agreement to Examine one use of the compounds does not extend to additional active ingredients.

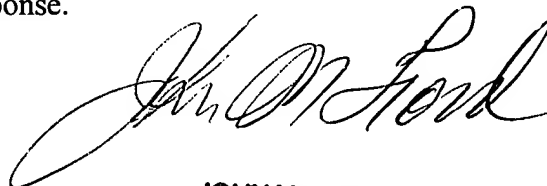
Therefore, restriction is required between (Group I) claims 1--19, and (Group II) claims 20 and 21 which recite an additional active ingredient, and (Group III) claims 22--25 which do not recite a particular active ingredient.

Assuming Group I is elected, i.e. claims 1--19. Applicants need elect a particular utility from the list in claim 19, for instance, and express the claim, as a method of treating, including one active ingredient .

37 CFR 1.499 requires an election and response.

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